

***Marin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District***

**MINUTES OF  
THE FLOOD CONTROL ZONE ONE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
HELD MONDAY, MAY 22, 2013  
95 ROWLAND WAY, NOVATO**

**Board Members Present**

Bill Long (BL) - Chairman  
Drew McIntyre (DM) – Vice Chairman  
Jim Grossi (JG)  
Ernie Ganas (EG)  
Dietrich Stroeh (DS)

**County Staff Present**

Tracy Clay (TC)  
Hugh Davis (HD)  
Pat Balderama (PB)  
Liz Lewis (LL)

**Board Member(s) Absent**

None

**Other (s)**

None

The meeting started at 6:30 PM.

**ITEM 1. Approval of Meeting Minutes: November 5, 2012**

**M/S DS/EG:** Approval of minutes of the March 28, 2013 Advisory Board (AB) meeting, as written.

***Ayes: Three***

***Nays: None***

***Abstain: One***

**ITEM 2. Open Time for Items not on the Agenda**

The Novato Watershed Program was not on the agenda so at the request of the AB, staff made a brief overview presentation on the status of the Hydrology and Hydraulics (H/H) study. Staff stated that they are scheduled to complete the H/H modeling by June 2013 and submit the results to the AB prior to sharing with the public. Staff anticipates that a meeting will be held in July or August for the Technical Working Group (TWG) members.

Staff also mentioned that the Corps of Engineers (COE) habitat study of the bay have some leftover funds which the COE would consider using to extend their study to include Novato Creek. Evaluation results from this study may be used as leverage for Federal funding.

A member of the audience informed the AB that tree roots, which she assumes to be from cottonwood trees in Vineyard Creek, are spreading into her yard and requested that it be investigated. Staff responded that they will investigate.

**ITEM 3. Vineyard Creek Project Update**

Staff reported that since the November 14, 2012 meeting with the residents regarding re-vegetation and sediment transport issues, the Draft Geomorphic Monitoring Report for Water Year 2012 has been received and posted on the [marinwatersheds.org](http://marinwatersheds.org) website. As required by the project permits, the report was submitted to the permitting agencies

for their comments and the report will be finalized after their comments are received. Staff reported that some of the preliminary recommendations in the report have been completed and others will be implemented as part of the with the Zone's regular annual maintenance program.

#### **ITEM 4. Annual and Preventative Maintenance Program**

Staff informed the AB that maintenance costs for pump repairs in 2012 exceeded the estimated budget amount due to the larger size of the pumps and the difficulty in accessing them. Preventative maintenance of the Lynwood pumps will take place this year. Also, the annual maintenance program for the Zone's properties and right of ways will occur as usual in late Fall.

#### **ITEM 5. Novato Creek Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit (SMART) Railroad Bridge Update**

Staff reported on a recent meeting with SMART staff. Staff was advised to continue attending the TAC and Structures Design Task Force meetings in the future. Staff informed the AB that SMART has not made a decision to-date on Novato Creek bridge design configuration including bent spacing. SMART is waiting for a formal recommendation from the design-build contractor. Staff recommended a wait and see approach before getting involved in the bridge design. BM Grossi volunteered to attend the scheduled SMART design meetings along with Staff members.

#### **ITEM 6. Zone 1 Budget FY 2013-2014**

Staff presented the budget to the AB and confirmed to BM McIntyre that the geomorphic cost is included in the Vineyard Creek budget. BM Ganas requested that large items be broken down to smaller line items.

**M/S EG/DS: Recommend adoption of the Budget to the Board of Supervisors.**

***Ayes: Five***

***Nays: None***

***Abstain: None***

#### **ITEM 7. Schedule Next Meeting**

Per the Zone By-Laws the next meeting is scheduled for August 6, 2013. The AB recommended that the next meeting be scheduled for August 13, 2013 instead. All BM's agreed.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.